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OBJECTIVES

The main aim of this project is to check the interchangeability of the ET's from the four different ET production centers in Europe.

STATUS

At the request of the EEC Leaf Department, a presentation and discussion was held at an R&D monitoring meeting on November 4, 1988 (1), of some chemical results (TA and RS) of the expanded product of the three main ET's in Europe (ET-FCF, ET-FC/LGT and ET-FC/OR) from the four European production centers for 1987 and part 1988.

According to the various discussions and remarks made during this presentation, the following actions were and/or will have to be taken :

- The QA results generated by the affiliates should be centralized each month for comparative purposes.
- The chemical and physical results of the tobacco before expansion must be included.
- A more adequate scale has to be applied on graphs for future presentation, especially of chemical results.
- The compiled results have to be reviewed at least every three months with the Leaf Department.

In order to be able to compile the ET results, the local QA's were requested to send their results each month to the undersigned (2, 3).

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The compiling of the results for 1987 and 1988, including values of the tobacco before expansion, will be completed in table form by the end of January 1989. However, for the ET's ex BOZ the chemical results before expansion are only presented up to the end of June 1988, when it was decided by the local QA in BOZ to stop carrying out these analyses. This point is currently being discussed with local management.

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